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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1364

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 29, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Jan 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Foley

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill reestablishes the Sentencing Policy Study Committee to evaluate sentencing laws and policies for an additional four years.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Sentencing Policy Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill reestablishes the Sentencing Policy Study Committee, which will operate under the policies of the Legislative Council regarding study committees. The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute will provide staff support for the Committee. The Committee will have 20 members, including 8 legislative members and 12 lay members. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets of \$16,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more.

Background: The Sentencing Policy Study Committee will make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the existing classification of criminal offenses; the structures to be used by a sentencing court in determining the most appropriate sentence; corrections and home detention programs; the long-range needs of the critical problems of and methods of improving the criminal justice and corrections systems; the cost effectiveness of state funds in corrections; a comprehensive community corrections strategy; the use of faith-based organizations; and other topics assigned by the Legislative Council. The Committee is to submit an interim report to the Legislative Council before November 1, 2008, and its final report before November 1, 2010.

The Legislative Council provides for per diem, mileage, and travel expense reimbursement for lay and

legislative members of interim study committees. The funds necessary to carry out the bill are paid from state General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Council and Legislative Services Agency. In the 2005 and 2006 interims, the Sentencing Policy Study Committee met four times each year. The Committee expenditures were \$8,257 and \$7,039, respectively. Previously, the Committee was composed of 15 members.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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